

## THE WORK OF THE NEVADA LAW MAKERS

SENATOR WILLIAMS DECLARED THE WINNER OF THE CONTESTED CASE

The Assembly Passes the Much Flayed Sheep Trespas Bill. Other Business Transacted

**SENATE.**  
Senate met at the usual hour; roll call, all present; prayer by the chaplain.

Journal read and approved.

S. B. No. 20, Committee on Ways and Means—An act to pay deficiencies in State Appropriations for years 1901 and 1902. Referred to the Committee of the Whole and passed.

S. J. R. No. 4, Bell—Invitation from Oregon to join the Lewis-Clark Centennial. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 21, Committee on Agriculture—To provide for measurement and distribution of waters in Nevada streams. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

S. C. R. No. 6—Providing for a committee to confer with a committee from California in regard to the solution of the Truckee river. Referred to the Washoe delegation.

A. B. No. 17, Cooke—An act to regulate proceedings in courts of justice. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

A. B. No. 10, Averill—An act to restrict the use of writs of injunction. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A. B. No. 14, Denton—To create a special jury fund in Lincoln county. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

A. B. No. 13, Pohl—Relative to election of school trustees. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Brougher presented an invitation on the part of citizens of Ormsby county, inviting the members of the Senate to participate in the inaugural ball. Accepted with thanks.

Senator Freudenthal gave notice that he would introduce a bill to provide State revenue.

S. J. R. No. 3, Bell—Petitioning Congress to establish a mail route between Tonopah and Belmont. Resolution passed.

S. B. No. 7, Bell—An act to protect workmen about moving machinery; compelling the countersinking of screws and yokes on moving shafts and pulleys. Bill passed.

Adjourned until 2 p. m., when executive session was to be held to further consider the Ernst-Williams contest case.

### SENATE. AFTERNOON.

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Senate went into executive session to consider the Ernst-Williams contest case. The public and the reporters were excluded, therefore the finest and most interesting points were lost to the general public.

Upon a motion after convening, the Senate Committee resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, so that when the matter of deciding was approached, the ballot might be made secret. The main witnesses, Ernst and Williams, were called before the committee. The testimony submitted at each open session was reviewed and the session lasted until after 5 o'clock, when it was announced that Mr. Williams will retain the seat by a unanimous vote. This settles a troublesome controversy and the proceedings of the Senate will be law making from this on.

### THE ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly opened yesterday with the usual program and closed with dreams and poetry, the sheep bill cadenza occupying the interval.

The legislature of the territory of New Mexico, evidently is a trifle anxious to know what has become of their request that Nevada memorialize Congress to admit said New Mexico as a State. The matter was referred to the committee which has the matter in charge.

A. B. No. 38, Riley of Humboldt—An act regulating the mileage and compensation of jurors serving on coroner's juries. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A. B. No. 39, Riley of Humboldt—To amend the act regulating houses of prostitution, dance houses and houses where beer, wines and spirituous liquors are sold. Referred to the Committee on Public Morals.

A. B. No. 40, Riley of Humboldt—To prohibit the sale of ardent spirits to Indians in this State. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A. B. No. 41, McCarran—To regulate veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Nevada. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The first bill to come up on third reading and final passage was A. B. No. 1, introduced by Mr. Wilson, the

"sheep bill" which passed the house the other day, but was recalled by reconsideration.

Mr. McCarran moved to make it a special order for tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

This led to a great deal of discussion and much earnest appeal for justice on the part of McCarran, but upon being put to a vote the amendment was lost by 14 to 20.

The bill provides that sheep may not be grazed within two miles of the house of the owner of a possessory claim. Mr. McCarran moved to amend by inserting before the word "house" the word "occupied." This amendment was also lost.

Mr. Noteware offered an amendment to Section 2 providing that the suit for trespass for violation of this act, should be brought before the justice of the peace where the depredation was committed, instead of in the county in which one of the parties reside. This amendment was lost by a vote of 14 to 20.

Mr. McCarran moved an amendment to insert the words "occupied dwelling" before "house" and made a strong plea for his side of the argument of the question. He charged that the Southern Pacific is behind this bill, and told the Assembly how, instead of only having control of alternate sections of land twenty miles from their track the passage of this bill would virtually give them possession of every section. Amendment lost 14 to 20.

Mr. McCarran moved to amend the bill by adding Section 4 to allow the owner of sheep to drive them to water when the water is on public land or upon land owned by the owner of the sheep. Amendment lost.

Then ensued a great deal of discussion upon the merits of the bill. Mr. Noteware made the argument that not a leading agricultural county in the State was standing behind this bill, notwithstanding that the plea has been made that it was to be passed in the interest of the farmers. He named the counties opposing the bill and pointed to them as leading agricultural counties. He cited many interesting facts regarding the non-residence of cattlemen in comparison with sheep men.

He was seconded by Jacobsen of Douglas and others. Assemblyman Skaggs, Judd of White Pine, Syphus of Lincoln, Trembath of Storey, Riley of Humboldt and others presented the views of the friends of the bill.

The fight over this bill is the hottest and most stubborn of any that has taken place in the Nevada legislature for many years and it looked though the Assembly would wind up by lining into opposing factions that would continue to oppose each other on all measures, but the sequel proved the impression erroneous.

Mr. Syphus arose and told about a sheep dream he had last night, which had for its principal characters Mr. Noteware and Mr. McCarran, and brought roars of laughter to the House. Mr. Noteware then arose to a point of personal privilege and recited an impromptu parody on "Mary had a little lamb," and the speaker had to work the gavel hard sometimes to restore order. The vote was taken and the bill passed a second time by 21 to 14, and the Assembly adjourned until this afternoon, while the leaders of the opposing factions congratulated each other upon the splendid fights made and everybody shook hands good naturedly.

### ASSEMBLY. AFTERNOON.

The local option bill, introduced by Mr. Wilson by request, came up for consideration. The bill was amended to such an extent that it is practically killed. Enactment clause finally stricken out. Bill laid over as unfinished.

A. B. No. 1, by Cook—Act to secure liens to mechanics and others. Referred back for engrossment.

A. B. No. 19—Act to provide for the distribution of waters of Nevada. Special order for Thursday next at 2 p. m.

A. B. No. 9, Averill—Act to prevent re-locating of mining claims by parties not doing assessment work. Special order for today at 2 p. m.

## GOVERNOR'S MANSION

BILL INTRODUCED TO ERECT SUITABLE DWELLING

A Much Needed Improvement That Should Pass

Yesterday in the Assembly Mr. Noteware introduced a bill to build an executive mansion in this city for the use of the Governor or Governors of Nevada. The bill provides for the purchase of a suitable piece of property, and states that the building material is to come from the quarry at the State prison.

Mr. Noteware has placed a bill before the Legislature that is free from political partisanship and one that the State needs. Nevada is the only State in the Union that does not furnish a home for the chief executive and it is time to wake up and adjust this matter. Had the bill originated under any form of government, the Appeal would advocate it, as it does not believe in the Governor of the State going house hunting whenever a change is made. It does not pay the Governor to purchase a home for the term of office; as a rule he comes from some other section or district where his interests lie when he leaves the chair.

Nevada seems to be getting down to a solid business proposition and as one of this class, the erection of a State building for the Governor seems to be in accord with the many and just reforms that are in consideration.

The Governor is often called upon to entertain prominent and noted people from other States, and it is as much a matter of pride as anything else, that should prompt the Legislature to provide for such a case. The bill is a good one and it is to be hoped that it will pass unanimously.

### After Machinery.

George McLaughlin, formerly in charge of the mechanical department of the Mint in this city and now similarly connected with the S. F. Mint is here selecting machinery in this Mint to remove to San Francisco.

This indicates pretty conclusively that the Republican party don't propose to do any more silver coming in this section.

People who have arrived here recently from San Francisco say that they enjoy the warm sunshine here and it feels delightful after shivering in the damp atmosphere of San Francisco. With twenty degrees lower temperature here it actually feels pleasanter and warmer, in the delightful and bracing atmosphere of Nevada.

### To Try and Settle.

An enthusiastic meeting was held last evening by the Storey County Labor Union and three new members were initiated into the folds of organized labor. A committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Leaver today and to use their best influence to bring the trouble in the canyon to a peaceful settlement. The Union is not unreasonable in its demands as it only insists upon the fulfillment of the terms of the agreement drawn up between the Butters company and the Union nearly a year ago, which was that the wages per day was \$3 for not more than ten hours labor.—Chronicle.

## A FISH COMMISSION

BILL INTRODUCED TO MEET DEMANDS

A Good Law for the People at Large

FISH( n An y-gi s vbgkj iwyp Yesterday in the Assembly, Mr. McCarran, Assemblyman from Washoe county, introduced a bill to establish a Fish Commissioner, or rather commissioners in this State. The bill provides for the Governor appointing three Commissioners to act in the capacity, without pay. The three to hire competent parties to see that the business is carried on to the advantage of the people throughout the State. All bills incurred are to be audited by the Commissioners. This feature seems to be a wise one, as it will assure the people receiving the best results from the money appropriated.

The hatchery, as provided by the bill, is to be situated on or near the Truckee river, which is considered a splendid distributing point. Mr. McCarran states that Governor Sparks has agreed to donate the ground suitable for a hatchery on Hunter creek, a branch of the Truckee, where the best of water is available. This is given as the reason for locating at the point designated.

Nevada is at present about the only State in the Union that is without a Fish Commissioner, and her streams offer some of the best opportunities for profit and pleasure in the west. The Truckee and the Carson rivers are ideal fishing grounds, and the revenue received in Reno every year from tourists that fish that stream amounts to a good amount. The Carson river should be made just as good a stream, and if this bill passes, it will also attract the attention of the Isaac Walton of the coast. The people along the Humboldt are also asking that a bill of this kind be passed and as every county in the State possesses streams that will furnish pleasure and recreation to the people if stocked with fish, there is no reason under the sun why Nevada should not allow the bill to become a law. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will see fit to pass the bill and not legislate it to death with a lot of amendments.

### Drummers' Minstrels Features.

Included in the talent of the Drummers' Minstrel company to appear at the opera house next Monday evening, is Wm. McDonald, late of the Bostonians, who became famous in his rendition of the Armorer's song from Robin Hood, will be the star in the vocal ranks this season. Harry B. Smith, the dramatic tenor has also been engaged for this season's tour. Mr. Richard T. Cohn, as a ballad singer has few equals on the coast. C. M. Koenig has a rich, deep basso voice that adds greatly to the vocal strength of the company. Orville Fairfield, the musical basso, will be heard in ballads, also Frank Schuler, the rich baritone and Edgar Coffin, the famous tenor.

Assemblyman Syphus related a sheep dream he had yesterday in the Assembly and brought down the house. It was sometime before the Speaker could bring the members down to earth after hearing the nocturnal experience of Mr. Syphus.

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